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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: People Interested in the Bonneville-Alcoa Access Road Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposes to establish a half-mile access road to tower 9/1 along our Bonneville-Alcoa No. 1 115-kV transmission line. The proposed access road project is located approximately 3.5 miles west of Skamania, Washington. The access road is needed to provide routine maintenance and emergency access to our transmission line.

In January 2003, we sent you a letter explaining the project and a request form for the preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA). If you requested a copy of the preliminary EA you will find it enclosed with a comment form for input regarding this document.

The preliminary EA describes the proposed project, explains the need for the proposal, describes existing environmental and social conditions, and provides analysis of the environmental impacts if the project were implemented. It also lists proposed mitigation measures that would lessen or eliminate those impacts. Your comments on the preliminary EA will enable BPA to determine if we sufficiently analyzed the resources that are important to you.

How to Comment

The deadline for comment is **August 15, 2003**. There are a number of ways to comment. You can mail the enclosed comment form to BPA, Communications – DM-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212, or fax them to 503-230-3285. In addition, you may also contact BPA's toll-free comment line at 1-888-276-7790 or email us at comment@bpa.gov. Please include the name of this project with your comments.

Schedule

Based on the public comments we receive, BPA will issue a final EA. If you receive the preliminary EA, you will receive the final EA. Following the release of the final EA, BPA will decide whether or not to proceed with the project and construction could start September 2003.

For More Information

If you need more information about the project, please call toll-free at 1-888-276-7790. You can access previous project documents on the Transmission Business Line Web site at www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects.

Sincerely,

Don Swanson
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Enclosures:
Preliminary Environmental Assessment and Comment Form